every effort is being made to ensure that mustardseed with moisture content meeting FAQ level is procured.

Agricultural Policy

†1860. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH:

SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a new agricultural policy keeping in view the interests of the farmers of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) to what extent it will be helpful for the Indian farmers; and

(d) the effective steps to be taken by Government to implement the said policy in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir. The National Agricultural Policy was formulated in July, 2000.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Promotion of Organic Farming

1861. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for creation of regional centre at Nagpur for the promotion of organic farming;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (d) Government has sanctioned a new Central Sector Scheme "National Project on Organic Farming" from October, 2004 for production, promotion and market development of Organic Farming in the country by subsuming the existing infrastructure of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.